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UNITED STATES.

Memorandum relative to attempt of schooner Wave to enter Key West without disinfection.

Referring to telegram from this office dated September 19, 1897, published in PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, page 1011, ordering schooner *Wave* to Tortugas (the captain having claimed that the State permitted it to enter Key West direct), information has been received from State Health Officer Joseph Y. Porter stating that the port sanitary inspector at Key West had already ordered said vessel to Tortugas. Dr. Porter emphatically denies the claim that the Florida authorities would have permitted her to enter Key West without first undergoing disinfection and detention.

Yellow fever in the South.

New Orleans.—Number of cases and deaths reported in the table. At the date of this report strenuous efforts are being made by the Louisiana State board of health to limit the spread of the disease in New Orleans by isolation of the sick, depopulation of infected districts, guarding infected premises, disinfection, etc. All baggage leaving New Orleans, except for points in the North and a few points in the mountainous districts, is being disinfected. Mail matter and freight are also being disinfected, the latter in accordance with the classification agreed upon by the Marine-Hospital Service and State health authorities of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Efforts are still being made by Surgeon Carter, in conjunction with the State board of health of Louisiana, to relieve unnecessary restraints upon traffic. Through the efforts of Surgeon Carter the restriction upon mail trains passing through